



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08350.0357

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
NIELSEN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2174  
Application No.: 09/863,720 ) Examiner: Ke, Peng  
Filed: May 23, 2001 )  
For: GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE )  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
INTERACTION WITH FINITE )  
ELEMENT ANALYSIS )  
APPLICATIONS ) Confirmation No.: 1496

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, please amend the above-mentioned application as follows. In a separate Petition, Applicants have requested and paid the fee for a one-month extension of time. Thus, this response is timely.

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments are included in this paper.**